Labour Group Proposal 2022

The Labour Group propose that the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny are shared between the two largest opposition parties to ensure that a wider spectrum of opposition opinion is reflected and heard.

The Labour Group propose that for the Civic Year 22/23 the sharing of Scrutiny Chairs is allocated on a 4:1 basis to reflect that the Liberal Democrat opposition group is the largest group, but also taking into consideration the wider interests of the Borough.

The Liberal Democrat Group to Chair those Scrutiny Committees with statutory based responsibilities; Communities and Housing, Adult Social Care and Health, Economy & Regeneration Committee and CRMG Committee.

The Conservative Group to Chair Children and Families.

Where the Liberal Democrat Group hold the Chair of a Scrutiny Committee, the Conservative Group will hold the Vice-Chair. Where the Conservative Group hold the Chair of a Scrutiny Committee, the Liberal Democrat Group will hold the Vice-Chair with the exception of Adult Social Care and Health where the Green Group will hold the Vice-Chair.

With regard to Ordinary Committees, the Labour Group propose that the ruling administration hold the Chair of Planning Highways Regulation (PHR) Committee and Licencing, Environment and Safety (LEAS) Committee.

The Liberal Democrat Group hold the Vice-Chair of PHRS and the Vice-Chair of LEAS.

All other Ordinary Committees Chairs and Vice-Chairs to remain as currently allocated where possible between the ruling group, largest opposition group and second largest opposition group with the exception of the Audit Committee where the Independent Ratepayer Group would hold Vice-Chair.

These proposals are put forward for agreement in principal now, with nominations of named councillors to fill each role be put forward in due course.

Scrutiny Committees

Communities & Housing Liberal Democrat Chair

Conservative Vice-Chair

Adult Social Care & Health Liberal Democrat Chair

Green Vice-Chair

Children & Families Conservative Chair

Liberal Democrat Vice-Chair

CRMG Liberal Democrat Chair

Conservative Vice-Chair

Economy & Regeneration Liberal Democrat Chair

Conservative Vice-Chair

Ordinary Committees

Planning and Highways Regulation Labour Chair

Liberal Democrat Vice-Chair

Licencing, Environment and Safety Labour Chair

Liberal Democrat Vice-Chair

Licensing Sub A Liberal Democrat Chair

Licensing Sub B Labour Chair

Employment Appeals Labour Chair

Appeals Labour Chair

Appointments Labour Chair

Labour Vice-Chair

Audit Liberal Democrat Chair

Independent Ratepayer Vice-Chair

Standards Co-opted Member Chair

Contributors Labour Chair

Members Labour Chair

MOVED AND SECONDED – (1) The Council Meeting gives approval to the establishment of Scrutiny Committees, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Ordinary Committees, Area Committees, Working Parties and other Member bodies and their associated terms of reference as detailed in the schedule published with the Summons.

- (2) The Council Meeting recommends approval to the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Ordinary and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the principles outlined in the document entitled "Labour Group Proposal 2022".
- (3) Authority is delegated to the Chief Executive to give approval to the composition of Scrutiny Committees, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Ordinary Committees, Area Committees, Working Parties, other Member bodies, appointments to Outside Bodies and the names of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs in accordance with:
 - (i) the approved allocation of places on committees in accordance with the proportionality rules;
 - (ii) the expressed wishes of the political group entitled to fill those positions; and
 - (iii) the schedule of political groups entitled to occupy the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair approved by the Council Meeting under resolution (2).

Moved by: Councillor Elise Wilson Seconded by: Councillor Tom McGee